

Resources for Current Church Planters

North American Missions (NAM) exists to serve church-planters. It is our intention to provide resources to assist church planters be more effective. Information about many of the resources listed here can be found at <http://www.northamericanmissions.faith/> under Resources.

Christmas for Christ (CFC) Property and Personal Grants – CFC funds can be used to assist in paying church rent or purchasing property. CFC funds can also provide the church planter personal support. Personal grants are not adequate for a family to live on. Either application must be received at WEC by January 15. The funds are allocated in March and sent beginning May 1st.

Sheaves for Christ Capital Investments Grants – Each year the General Youth Division allocates money to church plants to purchase property or a building, up to \$25,000. An emergency grant in the amount of \$2,500 may be awarded, but does deduct from the \$25,000 total allowable amount. These funds can only be used for the purchase of real property or remodel on existing building already owned. SFC property applications must be received by August 15. Once allocated the funds become available March 1st.

Family Emergency Funds – This is funded by the Ladies Ministries facilitated through North American Missions to help with household, vehicle and medical emergencies of NAM status pastors. An application must be completed. This application can be found at www.northamericanmissions.faith under resources>applications.

Friends of American Missions Scholarship- North American Missions offers FAM scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 to children of North American church planters. Students desiring to attend a UPCI-endorsed Bible/Christian College or Graduate School may apply for a Friends of American Missions (FAM) scholarship by February 1st. Applicants must be under twenty-five years of age before the deadline to apply.

Church Planting University Online – This free online training available to anyone interested in or currently planting a church. Level 1 of Church Planting U must be completed prior to applying for a CFC or SFC grant. This training is available at <http://ministrycentral.com/>

Church Planting University LIVE – This training is available during the day on Thursday and Friday at General Conference. The training and fellowship is open to church planters of all stages. There is a \$35 registration fee. A \$500 stipend is available for CFC

missionaries and pastors under NAM status on a first-come, first-serve basis. This training is different than CPU Online.

Keys to Church Planting - a resource developed through North American Missions for church planters. It is a checklist for starting a new church, with supporting articles, resources, tips, policies, bylaws, forms, and other documents; much of which is editable. It will take a potential church planter through a step by step, proven process, and provide valuable, time saving resources along the way. To receive your K2CP usb drive, contact your District North American Missions Director, or call Miranda at the NAM office.

Church-In-A-Day Loans– Provides interest free loans up to \$50,000 as well as skilled personnel to build a church in only 24 hours. The church must have already purchased the land. These applications are considered by the North American Missions Administrative Committee (NAMAC) in March (deadline to apply is February 1) and October (deadline to apply is September 1).

Apostolic Information Service – Indiana Bible College gives a church planter free access to thousands of pages of useful materials (outreach ideas, church bylaws, sermons, Bible study lessons, training material). Contact Tim Massengale at sysop@apostolic.edu to take advantage of this benefit.

Plowing Before the Planter – Since 2012 the World Network of Prayer has coordinated prayer teams in locations where a church is being planted. These seasoned prayer warriors come at their own expense to pray “on site with insight.” For national PBTP events, the prayer time is Friday – Sunday. To inquire about PBTP coming, contact WNOP’s Lisa Marshall (lmarsshall@upci.org).

Free To New Works packets- Once a quarter, the Pentecostal Publishing House and NAM send a one-time free packet of literature to all newly established churches. This packet includes Sunday School literature, Home Bible Studies, as well as books applicable to church planting.

NAM Sponsored Revivals – Since 2009, North American Missions has connected church planters and proven evangelists. As long as funds are available in the revival account, there is no cost to the church planter. District NAM directors must apply on behalf of the church planter. Additionally, several districts provide a missionary with at least one revival each year. Inquire with your district director.

Christian Service Training Institute – CSTI has made their four-year program of study via the Internet available at virtually no cost to all church planters and their spouses. This is a valuable tool with quality instruction. To see how you can take part, go to www.cstisandiego.com or contact the CSTI secretary, George Nobbs at geonobbs@aol.com.

Church Planters UPCI Facebook Group – A closed group of church planters that is loosely moderated by NAM team members. Over 450 former, current or future church planters participate. The questions of a church planter will generally be answered by some other church planter who has experience in the particular area. In 2012, *Among the Reapers* a compilation drawn from the Facebook group was published. It is now in a third printing.

GlobalTracts.com – A resource provided by Multi-cultural ministries, this website has Apostolic tracts in dozens of languages.

AllNationsSunday.com – A ready-to-use strategy for getting your young church to reach out to the diverse cultures in the community.

Launch- One year in depth training and special financing opportunities to assist the church planter to “go”. Training involves 3-day training sessions in St Louis, on-line training as well as a short-term internship. More information concerning this program can be found at <http://www.launchachurch.faith/>.

Apostolic Conference—This conference is held annually at Parkway Church of Madison in Madison, MS during August. Current NAM status missionaries have free registration, but they must register. The church sends out an information packet to all current missionaries prior to the conference.

Because of the Times (BOTT)- Free registration for on status missionaries and their families to attend BOTT.

Youth Congress- The General Youth Division provides complimentary registration for children of current on status missionaries to attend North American Youth Congress

Additional Resources

Metro Missions – Full-time support for approved church planters who go to North America’s largest cities. Partners are sought through deputation. The process to be approved as a metro missionary involves approval of the district, NAMAC interview and approval, and the General Board. Metro Missions interviews are conducted in March

(Deadline to apply is Feb 1) and October (Deadline to apply Sept 1). Potential metro missionaries go through intense assessment. Funding is for five years, deputation takes 18-24 months. Applications are available at <http://www.northamericanmissions.faith/>.

North America – Forward Missionaries – In March 2013, the General Board approved a five-year, five- missionary “beta test” for this approach. The North America – Forward Missionary goes through the same approval process as a Metro Missionary. This person must be a proven church planter. The distinction for a North America – Forward Missionary is that this church planter is not planting in a metropolitan area.

Career Church Planter – A person who gives their entire life to planting new churches. Current examples of a career church planter – Scott Sistrunk and Frank Bounds. If planting in an approved metro city, a career church planter can apply as a Metro Career Church Planter. If planting in a non-metro area the missionary may seek approval as a North America – Forward missionary (new opportunity in 2013). As long as the missionary is planting additional churches, it is expected that his or her funding will continue. Career Church Planter validates the call of and provides funding for those who give their entire life to planting multiple churches, either in one city or in various locations.

Metro-Daughter Churches – The pastor of an existing church in an approved metro city may want to start a daughter church, but the area be quite expensive. If interested, the pastor of that existing church can go through the same application process as a metro missionary in order to gain monthly support for a daughter church. Fifty percent of the funding for the daughter church is provided by the mother church; the other 50% is from monthly partners that are raised through phone calls, email and deputation.

Metro-Daughter Work Grant (limited funds)- Funds are available to provide grants to existing churches in a metro area to plant a daughter church. The objective is for the daughter work to become an autonomous church within three years. The mother church will receive limited financial assistance for 12 months with possible reconsideration for two additional years.

Metro Missions Partial Support – A metro missionary may also seek only partial support. Under strict oversight of the NAMAC, the missionary and/or spouse can work a part-time job. This reduces the length of time required for deputation. The process for approval is the same as a Metro Missionary.

Intra-Cultural Missionary Evangelists – These full-time missionaries to people of other cultures are available to come to a church of any age or size to establish an outreach/ preaching point, etc. into that culture or language group. The ICME is approved by the NAMAC, deputizes for monthly support, and can come at limited cost to any church. There must be a high level of commitment from the local pastor for the ICME to be approved. We currently have ICME missionaries for Spanish, African Immigrants and Native Americans. If you are interested in applying to have an ICME come to your city or to become an ICME, contact Director of MCM, Donald Hanscom, at dhanscom@upci.org.